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## Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry – CR-101

- **Chapter 173-531A WAC - Water resource program for the John Day-McNary - Pools reach of the Columbia River, WRIA 31 and parts of - WRIA's 32, 33, 36, and 37**
- **Chapter 173-563 WAC - Instream resources protection program for the main - stem Columbia River in Washington State**

The competition for water from the Columbia River continues to escalate. There are hundreds of pending applications in Washington for new water rights from the Columbia, and there is little agreement on the effects of off-stream water use on salmon recovery.

Symptoms of increasing frustration include the number of court cases that have been filed to address these issues. The department has twice been petitioned to initiate a rulemaking for the Columbia River.

In light of these petitions and recognizing that rule making will be a necessary outcome of the Columbia River Regional Initiative, a rule governing an integrated state water management program for the river's water resources is needed.

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- **Chapter 173-98 WAC - Uses and limitations of the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund**

Ecology is proposing to amend this rule via pilot rule making and eventually formal amendments to allow public bodies to use the "Design/Build" concept for completion of wastewater facilities.

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## Proposed Rule-making Order – CR-102

- **Nothing to report at this time**

## Rule-making Order – CR-103

- **Nothing to report at this time**

## Miscellaneous Notices

- **Notice to withdraw the pre-proposal (CR-101) for Chapter 197-11 WAC – State environmental policy act (SEPA)**

The Department of Ecology is withdrawing the CR-101(WSR 00-07-051) that proposed amendments to the SEPA rule because of insufficient funds due to budget reductions made in the supplemental budget.

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- **Notice to withdraw original pre-proposal (CR-101) for Chapter 173-531A WAC - Water resource program for the John Day-McNary - Pools reach of the Columbia River, WRIA 31 and parts of - WRIA's 32, 33, 36, and 37**
- **Chapter 173-563 WAC - Instream resources protection program for the main - stem Columbia River in Washington State**

The Department of Ecology is withdrawing the original CR-101 (WSR 01-16-132) due to the change in purpose for the rule making. Another CR-101 has been filed to replace the original.

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## Rule-making Public Hearings

- **Nothing to report at this time.**

## Rule-making Public Workshops

- **Nothing to report at this time.**